

Meeting of the ADA Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 7:00 pm

Present: Catherine Evans, Elijah Tucker, Brion Berghaus, and Denise Shea

1. Call to order: Elijah called the meeting to order at 7:07.

2. Public Comment: none

3. Reports

a. Chair's Report:

Elijah reached out to Justin on the transition grant. Justin says we need to create a subcommittee to go forward with next steps, but we don't know what this means or how to do it.

Elijah knows that Justin reached out to Barbara of Disability Access Consultants to figure out next steps, but as of right now, we have no information. We are concerned about making the submission deadline for the grant (August 2- October 8). Elijah will reach out again.

Elijah received a note from a concerned party who was concerned about people parking in the handicapped parking lot at the Boys and Girls Club. Chief Noble has been informed and the Boys and Girls Club has been spoken to.

Elijah emailed Greg Johnson (Town Admin) asking about getting a permanent representative of Town government on our commission. He hasn't heard back and will reach out again.

Elijah reached out to the Town Clerk to ask about whether our 8J

status was approved by the state government.

b. Member's Report

Denise sent two emails to Justin DeMarco (DPW) about the Douglas Ave. crosswalk problem. He still hasn't responded. It's possible that he may have been on vacation. Denise will try one more email on 8/17. If he doesn't respond, she will send an email to Greg Johnson.

Brion suggested requesting a line item in the Finance Committee's budget for the next fiscal year requesting funds to take care of the Douglas Ave. crosswalk.

4. Consent Agenda (Commission may vote)

a. Review Minutes of July 20th.

Elijah motioned to approve the minutes. Brion seconded. All were in favor.

b. Transition Plan

We were hoping to hear from a Town Representative. None were present and we were unable to discuss the topic.

c. Mission Statement:

Denise moved to change the current mission statement to the new proposed mission statement. Elijah seconded. Role call was taken. In favor: Catherine, Brion, Denise, Elijah. None were opposed.

Proposed

The Maynard Americans with Disabilities Act (the ADA) Commission was set set up to:

- A. Promote the inclusion of peoples with disabilities (permanent or temporary) into the Maynard community by providing access to activities, employment opportunities, and services;
- B. Act as an intermediary between The Town of Maynard and people in the community with disabilities
- C. Advocate for equal access to community programs, events, opportunities and employment for all people;
- D. Educate town citizens and officials about the Town's needs including but not limited to physical accessibility, communications, and community programs;
- E. Provide a referral database of area resources and services for Citizens in need;
- F. Assist other town-sponsored groups with meeting the accessibility needs of people with disabilities;
- G. Help the town ensure compliance with federal and state accessibility laws, including and not limited to the ADA.

The Americans with Disabilities Act Commission was set up in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 8J.

d. Commission By-Laws

Elijah will look into other commissions by-laws and start working on forming ours. All agreed.

5. Other Matters Properly Brought Before the Board

Catherine Evan's service to the ADA was acknowledged. We discussed our need for a new board member. We will put out our feelers for a new member.

6. Set dates for a future meeting: September 14th, 7pm, Zoom

7. Adjourn: Denise motioned we adjourn at 8:08. Catherine seconded. Role call: Brion, Catherine, Denise, and Elijah all approved. Opposers: none.

Approved on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, with a vote of 2 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Elijah Tucker

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Chair

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